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The Riot Riders

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick of the Central Intelligence Agency has given senators a concrete example in the form of a handbook issued to Red agents in Europe explaining how to direct riots. It outlines methods for by-passing and surrounding police blockades, executing diversions, and reducing respect for police by attacking their reputations and ridiculing their ability.

A mob is notoriously volatile and follows the leader (even when not consciously recognized as one). Communist agitators are skilled in identifying themselves with local causes, hoping to ride a tidal wave into power before their unwitting accomplices calm down enough to realize what is happening. And even if a coup does not result helpful propaganda material does.

But riding a mob is like doing a magician's trick—once the crowd knows how it's done it doesn't want any more. Let's hope the handbook gets lots of publicity in riot-prone quarters.

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